

The Intelligencer.

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An exchange heads a dispatch "Beecher's Salaries." Thought Elizabeth was the name.

Silvan is making some of the statements very uncomfortable. It is also true that too much of it has deranged the circulation.

The Senate wants to know, you know, Mr. President, the why and the wherefore of some of those Civil Service reform appointments.

If the real article of justice is to be found in Pennsylvania, Milton Weston will be pardoned before the Penitentiary door close on him.

Whether much or little shall be done for Ireland, the English seem to have reached the conclusion that something will have to be done. This is a long stride for Ireland.

Our Estacote Gibson has won a national rep. He deserves it, as the representative Democrat of his district. He has shot into large space though he had been blown out of a mortar.

Our Georgia editor being challenged by another close fist, which so disgusted the party of the first part that he declined to consider the affair further. What a happy ending of a duel.

The West Virginia collectorship is assuming an interesting phase. Among other things it will give Mr. McCormick his long-expected opportunity to vindicate his asserted military record--to show that he actually did shoot rebels with his rifle.

To-morrow, unless the difficulty be settled to-day, nearly 8,000 men and women cigarmakers will be thrown out of employment in New York. After each side has suffered there will be an understanding and a settlement. It would be more rational to settle before the fighting begins.

The Committee on Accounts doesn't seem to understand the situation. The Committee on Expenditures of the Department of Justice may not need a Clerk, but its Chairman does. Mr. Gibson has laid out certain campaign work in his own behalf, and he needs an accomplished Clerk like Col. Peyton to bring things to a head.

BIOMARK'S attitude towards the Vatican has greatly changed when he asks His Holiness to act as arbitrator in an international dispute, accepts from him a decoration and addresses him as "Sire," a title of royalty which conveys a recognition of the Pope as a reigning sovereign. His Majesty of Italy may not altogether relish this, for the Pope lives in his Kingdom and was ennobled by King Humbert's father to have been stripped of this temporal power.

It is strange that the people of Ireland rebel against being governed by a country which is ready enough to talk of suppressing disorder with force, but can find no expedient that will give industry a chance to earn the daily bread? Of course there is disorder in Ireland, and of course wanton murder is responsible for most of it. The Irish in America are not in rebellion against the Government and the laws, for they are part of the governing power and help to make the laws.

If the trunk lines had thought the B. & O. likely to go to slaughtering Western passenger rates, as it has done, they would probably have been willing to treat on more liberal terms with that pugacious company. With its small capital stock amount of \$15,000,000, its large surplus, and its cold-blooded determination to force recognition of itself as a New York road, the trunk lines have nothing to do but follow the example of Capt. Scott's crew or suffer a large loss. In the end they will come down.

Is time of peace Russia was not seriously concerned about her dependence on England for her coal supply. Now that Russia is preparing for the great war in the East, for which all Europe is looking, it is determined to force a rapid development of her own coal deposits, and to this end she puts a heavy duty on coal.

The prudent course for a nation is to develop its own resources, because the employment of its own labor on its own soil is better for it than the employment of foreign labor on foreign soil. The industrial development accomplished in a time of peace gives to a nation that independence which is always desirable, but in time of war is more keenly felt to be indispensable. All this is involved in the doctrine of protection to home industries--a doctrine no less practical than patriotic, which enriches a nation and impoverishes none of its people.

A MANUFACTURER largely engaged in stove-making is quoted by the *Stove and Hardware Reporter* as estimating the net average prices received for his stoves at the following figures: In 1881, \$10.32 per stove; in 1882, \$15.07 per stove; in 1883, \$13.70 per stove; in 1884, \$10.04 per stove; in 1885, \$10.20 per stove. This included ranges, cooking and heating stoves. The net decline in five years was an average of over a dollar on each stove. The same authority says that during the past year many stoves changed hands at from three to three and a half cents a pound.

As prices have declined manufacturers have increased the ornamentation in the hope of inviting trade. There is no money in the business, for what is gained on fancy goods is lost on the plain grades. There never was a time when a given amount of money would go so far in the purchase of a stove. Protection does not seem to be robbing the buyers of stoves.

ORANGEVILLE, ORT., Jan. 18.--A dynamite cart, placed at the door of the residence of Magistrate Monroe yesterday, exploded, causing great damage to the building. Fortunately none of the inmates were injured. This is the second attempt of the kind made on Mr. Monroe, who has been inflicting fines for breaches of the temperance act.

ASKING FOR REASONS

BUT NONE ARE FORTHCOMING.

Secretary Manning Says He Has No Instructions from the President as to Furnishing Reasons for the Removal of Officers. McGraw's Case--Gibson Gets Left.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 18.--To-day the Secretary of the Treasury sent to Senator Morrill, Chairman of the Finance Committee, a communication acknowledging the receipt of his letter requesting the "reasons" for the suspension of a certain Collector of Internal Revenue and the appointment of another in his place. This is supposed to be the West Virginia case. In the letter referred to, Secretary Manning says: "As yet, I have not received any directions from the President in relation to transmitting the papers and information called for."

Senator Kenna had a consultation with Senator Morrill this morning on the floor of the Senate. Mr. Morrill said the McGraw case had not yet been considered by his committee, nor had it yet been referred to a sub-committee. The same is true of other West Virginia nominations. Mr. Kenna told the Vermont Senator that when McGraw's nomination is reached he desires to go before the committee and be heard concerning the case.

In view of so much having been said about McGraw's soldier service, Mr. Kenna says he intends to submit the records to the committee. Mr. Morrill expressed much amusement when told that McGraw's army service was in the capacity of a nurse for six months, and that he allowed for the space of two weeks to intervene between his discharge and application for a pension in 1862. A member of the Finance Committee said: "McGraw's statements regarding his military record do not correspond with his papers. I am a pension office. I was enlisted in the war in Indiana in 1861 and served two long years."

"The pension record shows he served nine months. The length of his service of course is not material, but the fact that he has no statement and his record do not agree is significant as showing that he is posing as a martyr under false pretenses." Gen. Goff says his protests against McGraw's confirmation are because of the manner of his appointment, which he is informed was made unfairly.

Ab there, Kenna!

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WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 18.--Col. J. Bernard Peyton, who was to be Estacote Gibson's Committee Clerk, has been in the city several days. It is said this evening that the Committee on Accounts will report unfavorably on Gibson's request for a clerk, and that Col. Peyton will return home. The Committee on Accounts does not consider that the work of the Committee on Expenditures for the Department of Justice is sufficient to require the services of a clerk.

West Virginia and the Capital.

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.--State Senator Joseph Van Meter is in town, accompanied by his son, Arthur, of Idaho. The latter is a candidate for United States Marshal for Idaho and is said to be very strongly backed by Senator Camden and a large number of Western men.

Architect S. M. Howard, of Wheeling, and several Jefferson county gentlemen are among today's arrivals.

MISS BAYARD'S DEATHS.

The Remains Removed to Wilmington for Burial To-day.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.--Miss Cleveland, accompanied by Col. Munst, paid a visit of condolence yesterday afternoon to the bereaved home of the Secretary of State to express her own and the President's deep sympathy in their loss, and their willingness to take any part in the general ceremonies. Mr. Bayard said it was his wish that the funeral be devoted to any display whatever, and to be carried out as quietly as possible. The funeral of the remains on an especial car attached to the four o'clock express from the Baltimore and Potomac depot this afternoon. The Secretary and his two sons accompanied the remains. The last rites will be conducted at the family residence in Wilmington, to-morrow.

The remains are enclosed in a cloth-covered casket, bearing a silver plate with the simple inscription "Calvin Lee Bayard; born August 13, 1857. Died January 16, 1886."

On account of Miss Bayard's death there will be no Cabinet receptions on Wednesday of this week, and Miss Cleveland will not receive callers on Saturday, on which day the hours will be as usual, from three to five. In accordance with the expressed wishes of Mr. Bayard, President Cleveland will not recall his dinner invitations to the Diplomatic Corps, so that the dinner will be placed at the White House on Thursday evening. The Assistant Secretary of State, Governor Porter, will probably take the place of Secretary Bayard on that occasion. On account of the withdrawal from society this week of all his Cabinet ladies, any invitations they may have extended or accepted have been recalled.

WILMINGTON, DEL., Jan. 18.--The train bearing the body of Miss Bayard arrived here this evening. Secretary Bayard, his wife and children, will accompany the remains to this city. The casket was taken to the old Sweden church, where they will remain until the funeral. On the arrival of the portage at the church the casket was carried in and placed on a catafalque with floral offerings grouped around it. The friends of the deceased will hold their vigil there to-night. The funeral takes place at 2 o'clock to-morrow afternoon, and it is the wish of the family that it shall be conducted without ostentation.

WILL WARD CONTST.

The Old Wheelhorse Visits the Capital on a Mysterious Mission.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.--General Durbin Ward arrived this afternoon. The population is that he has come on to contest the seat of Senator Payne, which, as now appears by the confessions by those who were in the Democratic caucus, rightfully belongs to General Ward.

I may seem to question on Mr. Payne just at this time, but it must be remembered in General Ward's favor that Mr. Payne declares he has not read a word of the Donavan charges, and that he does not intend to do so, so he has only the laws passed by General Ward to struggle with.

It is very evident that Ward has a strong case, and at the same time a very novel one. The records of the Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections do not show any similar case. It will therefore attract considerable attention if he can get it before that body. Surely, if a candidate is beaten out of a caucus nomination by an acknowledged fraud in counting the ballots there should be some point where the man thus defeated could step in and claim an undoing of all the subsequent results of the fraud.

The memorial of General Ward in this matter, and the action of the Senate upon

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The Modoc Blown up--One Man Killed and Another Fatally Injured.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Jan. 18.--The steamboat Modoc blew up this morning in the Allegheny river below Sixteenth street. The explosion shook the houses along the river bank. The fireman was seen to fall, struck down by a flying piece of the boiler. The air was full of flying debris. It covered the barges for a distance of 300 yards below. Pieces of the boiler fell far out on land. Flying bricks dropped in the yards of the houses back from the river bank, and one went crashing through a door panel in a house fully 300 yards away. The safety valve was found lying in the yard of a house quite a distance back from the boat, on River avenue. A frightened man--the engineer--was seen leaping from the cloud of steam and smoke and struggling out through it to the deck of the steamer. The fireman was lying on a barge, writhing in agony. His back had been broken. Capt. Evans was flying from the boat, but he did not know where he was. He had been instantly killed or had been blown into the water and drowned. In less than a minute afterward the boat had sunk in the river, leaving nothing visible but one wrecked corker of the pilot house, and the high stern upon which the name of the boat stood out above the water.

HORRIBLE DEATH OF THE PILOT.

Pilot Davis body must have been frightfully mangled by the explosion. With his hand on the pilot wheel at the time, there could have been no escape, even if he had not been thrown in the water. The wheel had been blown into numberless pieces. The pilot house was so badly demolished that pieces of it were found scattered all over the barges. An eye witness, who was standing on the bank at the time, said he saw the body of a man high in the air, but where it went he did not know. Either he fell back into the water near the barges and drifted under them, or else his body was thrown out into the channel, where the swift water bore it down the stream.

Fireman Higgins was taken in a patrol wagon to his home on Boyle street, Allegheny. Captain Evans also lived on the same street, and after receiving medical attention he was taken to his home. The other men of the crew also went to their homes, and in an hour afterward there was no one about who had been aboard of the boat at the time of the explosion.

The Modoc was owned by Captain Evans, and was valued at \$3,000. It was built thirteen years ago at Wheeling, and was considered the best of its kind. It was inspected by the local inspectors last April, and was pronounced in good repair. It has been somewhat unfortunate, having been sunk once at the Point. The boat will be raised as soon as an examination of the wrecked boiler will be made, and the cause of the explosion ascertained.

MONTANA'S EXPECTATIONS.

The People Believe the Territory Will Be Admitted as a State.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., Jan. 18.--The Hon. W. F. Saunders, of Helena, Mont., who is in the city, was interviewed last evening, and said that the residents of Montana are quite enthusiastic over the prospects for its admission as a State. "We hope," he continued, "to step into the Union with Dakota. It is generally regarded as a Democratic Territory, the Democratic majority ranging from 500 to 1,000, and on that score we believe that we will be admitted as an offset to Republican Dakota. A large majority of the people of the Territory are in favor of admission."

Mr. Saunders says that a constitutional convention was held two years ago, when a framed a constitution and appointed a committee to go to Washington and submit the results of the convention. "For this reason," he added, "the committee never visited Washington as instructed, but they are becoming interested in the movement now, when it is seen that there is a good prospect of having the Territory admitted, and will hold a meeting early in February and go on to Washington at once. While there the constitution will be submitted and all the necessary steps to have the Territory admitted. Governor Hauser is interesting himself in the Statehood question, and is no doubt doing good work at Washington in that respect. We have a sufficient population to entitle us to admission, and there is every reason to suppose that our efforts will not be in vain."

Run Over by the Cars.

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PARKEERSBURG, W. VA., Jan. 18.--Will Hieser, a young man from this city, was run over by the cars at Tensas, Ala., on Saturday, and had two legs so badly injured that amputation was necessary. Telegrams announce that he died from the effects of this operation at the Mobile Hospital. Hieser was a young man about twenty years of age. He was on his way to Florida, where he had concluded to settle and had only been gone from home about two weeks.

Stables and Stock Burned.

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PARKEERSBURG, W. VA., Jan. 18.--Three stables, the property of Hugo Heidenreich, were destroyed by fire here last night. The live stock, excepting one valuable mare, was saved. The other contents, of considerable value, were destroyed. Mr. Heidenreich, in saving his horses, was seriously burned on the arms and head. The loss will aggregate \$800, with no insurance.

A Central American Union.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.--It is said that the project of a union of the Central American republics is again being attempted, and that Guatemala, Salvador and Honduras have signed the treaty. Our minister to Central America, Mr. Hall, has been here about two weeks, having come from his post at Guatemala under instructions from the Secretary of State as to the Nicaraguan Canal enterprise, and that he will return with instructions to encourage the granting of a concession to a private corporation.

Beried in the Snow.

BANDON, MA., Jan. 18.--Saturday night fire was discovered in the house of Benjamin Cookson, at Greenbush, fifteen miles from this city. The flames spread rapidly and Cookson, on endeavoring to rescue his son's wife and two children, was caught in the fire by the falling of the roof, just as he had passed the second child over, and he was burned to death. He was 75 years old. The woman and children were terribly burned, but will recover.

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PITTSBURGH, Jan. 18.--At a convention of the miners and coke drawers of Scotland, Pa., to-day, it was decided to order a general strike for a ten percent advance in wages and committees were appointed to visit all the coke works and persuade the men to quit work at once. Over 7,000 men are employed in the coke regions, and it is expected by Wednesday all will be idle.

It is reported here to-night that the striking Hungarians at the Morewood and Standard works had broken into the company's dynamite magazine and were threatening destruction to all the property owned by their late employers. Nothing definite can be learned as telegraphic communication has been cut off for the night.

COKE WORKERS' STRIKE.

Little Ore in the Connellsville Region. Trouble at Mount Pleasant.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Jan. 18.--A special from Scottsdale, Pa., says a large number of the coke ovens in the Connellsville region are smokeless to-day, the men having struck for an advance in wages of 10 percent. A mass meeting is now in progress here which is attended by delegates from nearly every works in the region. It is thought action will be taken to make the strike general.

A Mount Pleasant, Pa., special says: Sheriff Stewart left here this afternoon, and will hold a consultation at Greensburg to-night with the coke operators regarding the advisability of asking state aid to quell the disturbances which will inevitably occur if any arrests are made. There has been no disturbance at either the Morewood or Standard works to-day. The strike is spreading. The miners at the Valley, Hecla and United works are reported to have come out this afternoon.

Steel Workers again Settled.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Jan. 18.--The differences between the Edgar Thompson Steel Company and their employees has been settled and work will be resumed in all departments to-morrow. The settlement was effected on a basis of eight hours for a day's labor and three turns per day, instead of two turns of twelve hours each, the men to waive ten percent advance on the wages demanded. The settlement of the strike has occasioned general rejoicing at Bradocks, Capt. W. R. Jones, General Superintendent of the Edgar Thompson Steel Works, tendered his resignation this afternoon because of dissatisfaction growing out of the strike.

Repudiate Ore Owners.

CHICAGO, ILL., Jan. 18.--At a largely attended meeting of the Trades Assembly last night a member of the store makers' union made a speech in reference to the socialist alarm. He denounced the resolutions published, and said that not only were they untrue but that the socialists did not represent the workmen of Chicago. After discussing a resolution was passed with a large majority declaring that the Trades and Labor Assembly representing the workmen of Chicago repudiate the utterance of all socialist claims.

A NORTH CAROLINA MIRACLE.

The Blind Boy Preacher Suddenly Recovers His Sight.

RALPHAM, N. C., Jan. 18.--Hundreds of curious people have gone to the home of John B. Sturdivant, a boy in Wake county, who became suddenly blind recently, as he had predicted, and who has been preaching for several weeks. On Thursday night two prominent men of Raleigh, one a principal in a Sunday school, the other for years teacher in the State Institute for the Deaf and Blind, went out to Auburn to see Sturdivant and hear him preach. The boy lay upon the bed on his left side, with his eyes wide open, and spoke for one hour and a quarter, using vigorous and graceful language. He said that he was addressing an audience of 5,000 people. His voice was heard at a great distance. He was stricken with blindness Wednesday, as he alleged. God had told him would be the case. At 6 o'clock Friday afternoon, just at the time he named for the return of his vision, he was restored.

He walked through the house shaking hands with nearly all those present. The boy is 10 years old, weighs 140 pounds and is very strong. Three years ago he had a strange affliction, caused by spinal disease. His father says that one night while he was in a violent fit, four strong men were attempting to hold him, but he forced them aside and went to the organ and played three hymns excellently, though before he was unable to do so. As he played the last hymn he made a profession of religion and then calmly laid down. Since that time he has never had another attack and has been in excellent health. It is thought to be a cataleptic affection. The boy says if the Divine will of his blindness, and the recovery of his sight are not believed by the people other and even more convincing signs will be afforded.

Trunk Line Sale Was.

NEW YORK, Jan. 18.--No movement was made to-day by any of the managers of the great railway companies in the matter of fares, and regular tickets can be bought from New York to Chicago by the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad for \$15. A promise made ticket broker to-day offers tickets by this line at even lower rates, and sold sleeping car tickets by the same route for \$3 from Baltimore to Chicago and \$5 from New York. The full fare by way of the Pennsylvania Railroad is \$7. The brokers reported that business was improving and many travelers were taking advantage of the present low fares.

Ohio Wheat Crop.

MILWAUKEE, JAN. 18.--S. W. Talmadge, of this city, gives the Associated Press the following information in relation to the condition of winter wheat in Ohio. The Secretary of the Ohio State Board of Agriculture says that the wheat crop is better than in any year since 1880. The winter wheat is in good condition. Mr. Chamberlain also states from his observation he believes Prof. Dodge has over estimated the total yield of the winter wheat for 1885 30,000,000 to 40,000,000 bushels.

The old story--Trivial symptoms were neglected until rheumatism became established, whereas all the suffering could have been avoided by the prompt use of Serravallo's Oil--30 cents.

Low State Accidents.

The Baltimore & Ohio are selling low rate excursion tickets to New Orleans, Jacksonville and all Southern resorts. For tickets, tourist's guides and full information, call on or address T. C. Burke, Ticket Agent, Baltimore & Ohio depot, Wheeling, W. Va.

DETERMINED TO TRY IT.

A Sensational Scene in an Election Trial at Cincinnati.

CINCINNATI, O., Jan. 18.--An unusual proceeding occurred to-day before Judge Buchwalter of the Court of Common Pleas, in the hearing of a contested election case in which Battager is endeavoring to get the office of County Treasurer from Katterman, who has a certificate of election. An affidavit had been filed last week by Katterman alleging that Judge Buchwalter was unfit to try the case, and taking a change of venue. The Judge refused the motion. When the case was called to-day, Katterman's attorney showed a transcript from the clerk of Butler county that the case was docketed there and set for trial. It was stated that on Saturday night on an affidavit by Katterman that no judge in this county was fit to try the case, Clerk Dalton certified the case to the Butler county court. Judge Buchwalter discontinued the hearing and said he would appear in the Butler court when the case came to be heard.

A BROKEN SAFE.

A County Treasurer's Safe Floundered--Force of the Explosion.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Jan. 18.--A New Castle, Pa., special says: The safe in County Treasurer Hartman's office was blown open this morning about 2 o'clock by thieves and \$200 in money, \$10,000 in notes and \$1,500 in county warrants taken. The notes were the personal property of Deputy Treasurer Shaffer, payable to him and of no value to any other person. The warrants had just been signed by the County Commissioners, but as they had all been recorded by the Treasurer they were worthless. The thieves gained admittance to the building by forcing the shutters from their fastenings.

The explosion blew open the doors of the safe and shook all the houses in the neighborhood, but some time elapsed before the concussion was known, and in the meanwhile the safe breakers were working their plunder and escape. Two strangers were working in the vicinity of the court house last night are believed to have been the thieves.

No Light Ahead.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Jan. 18.--There is no change in the condition of things at Slope No. 1 of the Nanticoke mine, where the miners were entombed. A sensational report was spread through the valley yesterday that the rescuing party had discovered a bright light ahead of them, but this was denied on the best authority. The work of clearing up the gangways continues slowly. Nothing has been discovered up to now, and no hope is entertained that the buried men have been found. A considerable stream of water is now running along the gangway where the men are at work, and another rush of sand is feared at any moment. From all appearances to-day it will be weeks before the bodies of the men are reached, if they are ever recovered. It is possible, however, that if the victims were caught in the gangways and overwhelmed by the floods, their bodies may be reached at any time.

Result of a Saloon Row.

ST. LOUIS, MO., Jan. 18.--Late last night at a saloon on the corner of Thirty-fourth and Olive streets, a quarrel occurred between William McNeary and James Mitchell, which resulted in the former striking Mitchell in the face and knocking him back against the bar. Mitchell left, and is alleged to have gone home, and, after securing a pistol, returned. The quarrel was renewed, and Mitchell shot McNeary through the neck, and he is now in a critical condition. Mitchell was arrested.

A Daring Hebberry.

PITTSBURGH, Jan. 18.--George Hazell, the Englishman, reported mysteriously missing, and who, it was feared had met with foul play, was found by a detective late last night. He claims the alleged officer who arrested him yesterday led him to an unoccupied part of the city and then robbed him of a book, containing over \$300 and papers of great value. Hazell came here to establish himself in business as an architect. The daring thief has not been arrested.

More than Her Share of Years.

NEWPORT, R. I., Jan. 18.--Mrs. Maria Anna Greene, the oldest lady in Rhode Island, daughter-in-law of General Nathaniel Greene, of Revolutionary fame, and grand-daughter of Samuel Ward, Colonial Governor of Rhode Island in 1782, died at her home in Middletown, yesterday, aged 102 years, 2 months and 9 days. Mrs. Greene retained her faculties up to the last.

Deaths from Trichinosis.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Jan. 18.--Five members of the Havemeyer family at Tarentum have died of trichinosis. The fifth aged 30, died to-day. The lives of the three remaining members of the family are despaired of.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

The Western Block burned at Bay City, Mich. Loss \$60,000.

Mrs. Sarah Murdock, aged 60, dropped dead in the streets of Zanesville, O., on her way to church.

The prospect of the U. S. House passing a bankruptcy bill (probably like that of last session) is fair.

W. M. Murray, a burglar, who has been operating in Central Ohio, has been arrested at Springfield.

The Secretary of the Navy has directed that a vessel of the Pacific Station be sent to the Samoan Islands.

The National Photographers' Association will hold the next annual convention in Chicago, beginning June 22.

Some of the leading Democrats in Indiana are highly incensed at Mr. Voorhees because of his bad appointments he has procured in that State.

The National Bricklayers' and Masons' Association has adopted the rule of nine hours for a day's work, to go into effect throughout the country May 1.

Miss Sallie Overton's stock barn and other buildings near Shelbyville, Ky., were burned by fire, together with nine head of horses and fifty head of cattle.

The Mormons, Lorenzo Snow, James H. Nelson and James Taylor, were sentenced at Ogden, Utah, for bigamy. Snow gets eighteen months' imprisonment and \$500 fine.

Minister Phelps is said to have asked President Cleveland to pardon Silas M. Wain, now in prison for swindling, as President of the First National Bank of Bratisboro, Va.

The seat in Congress held by General Weaver, of Iowa, will be contested by ex-Lieutenant Governor Campbell, on the ground of the illegal voting which gave Weaver a majority of 67.

Records at Washington disprove the statement of General Wallace that General Halleck, out of jealousy of General Grant, was willing to betray his country and permit the city of Washington to be captured.

The graveyard at Jeffersonville, Ind., wherein were buried the corpses of convicts in the Ohio prison, South, is shamelessly neglected, and medical ghena dig up the freshly-buried corpses without let or hindrance.

IRELAND'S PLAIN.

THE WOE OF THE IRISH POOR.

Evictions by the Wholesale--Wasted Farms Found Dead on the Highways--A Meeting of Loyalists--Bismarck's Letter to the Pope Creates a Big Sensation.

LONDON, Jan. 18.--With one accord Judges in the west and south of Ireland are signing writs of eviction by the hundred. There is apparently more destitution than since the awful winter of 1879, the tenants having spent the most of their little store of ready money in going into the delusive land courts and the laborers having had no work whatever. Already famine and scenes of violence are beginning to be repeated. Mobs of starving men are breaking up the meetings of the Poor Law Guardians with demands for food. Dead bodies are being found at the roadside as this that a single Judge in Kilkenny issues over 200 writs of eviction in one day, involving the tearing of the roofs from over the heads of at least a thousand human beings--and this is a sample of what is going on in fifteen counties. Of course this means disorder and excitement and scenes of blood and death and blood. In logical sequence this will also mean an eruption of virtuous wrath from the well fed English members of Parliament and a vote of wholesale condemnation which will be precisely what the landless want, and here you have an idea of the enlightened English rule which the eccentric and impracticable Celt is foolish enough to rebel against.

Bismarck's Letter to the Pope.

ROME, Jan. 18.--Pope Leo has received an autograph letter from Prince Bismarck acknowledging the receipt of the "Order of Christ" recently conferred upon the German Chancellor by His Holiness. The letter is couched in the most flattering terms. It begins:

"SIR--Your kind letter and decoration has been gratefully received by myself and the Emperor and Empress. I am glad to see the Pope's words, 'Papacy means the practice of the work of peace,' suggested to Bismarck to seek his Holiness' mediation with deference and faith. He felt unwelcome confidence in the Pope's elevated views and declared that the separation of the have now no cause to complain of the effect of the mediation, which will be lasting. Prince Bismarck concludes by saying that he will neglect no chance to attest his lively gratitude, his highest devotion and deepest respect to His Holiness. 'Your very humble servant, Bismarck.'"

The letter has caused a profound sensation both in diplomatic and church circles.

A Meeting of Loyalists.

BELFAST, Jan. 18.--A great meeting under the auspices of the Loyal and Patriotic Union was held here to-day. A resolution was adopted protesting against the passage by Parliament of any measure granting Home Rule to Ireland.

Many delegates from the North of Ireland were present. A resolution was adopted declaring unwavering loyalty to the throne, denouncing the separation of Ireland from the Union, refusing to recognize an Irish Parliament if one should be established, solemnly protesting against the pernicious and immoral practices of the National League, summoning the government to enforce the laws and suppress disloyalty and rebellion and protect the lives and liberties of the peaceable and industrious subjects of Her Majesty.

Minnie Mad at the Office.

LONDON, Jan. 18.--Miss Minnie Palmer is furious over the persistent attacks of the press critics, who say that she is unable to play anything outside of her song and dance part in "My Sweetheart." She insisted on trying some other light comedy role. Her husband and manager, Mr. John Rogers, objected, saying it would turn money away from the house and prolong the row. There was a stormy scene between the two, ending in hysterics on the part of Miss Palmer. Finally a compromise was arranged by which she